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BANGKOK FOR PHELAN AND POLANSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - HONG KONG BILATERAL AND CATEGORY 39

REF: HONG KONG 8491

1. RATHER THAN CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS BY TELEPHONE WE WOULD PREFER THAT PHELAN AND POLANSKY STOP OVER IN HONG KONG AFTER BANGKOK VISIT AND, IF FOLLOWING POINTS ACCEPTABLE TO HKG, INITIAL AGREED MINUTE. FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES CAN TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON LATER.

2. IN JULY GENEVA MEETING, HKG AND USG TENTATIVELY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. COTTON BILATERAL WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR.

B. REVIEW OF RENEWED BILATERAL WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT GATT.

C. TWO PERCENT INCREASE IN AGGREGATE.

D. POOL WILL BE INCREASED TO FOLLOWING LEVELS:

GROUP I - 10,104,423 SYE

GROUP II - 11,471,179 SYE

GROUP III - 2,281,637

FYI - THESE NEW LEVELS EQUIVALENT FIVE PERCENT BUT AGREED
MINUTE SHOULD CITE NUMERICAL FIGURES ONLY. END FYI.

E. TERMS OF EARLIER HONG KONG DRAFT MINUTE (REF. STATE 144802
TO HONG KONG) TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: PARAGRAPH FOUR
QUOTE IN THE EVENT THE BILATERAL COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT
IS EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1973 FOR CATEGORY 211 FOR
THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1973 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1973 THERE
IS ESTABLISHED A CONSULTATION LEVEL OF TWO POINT FIVE MILLION
SYE END QUOTE AND PARAGRAPH 6 QUOTE EXPORTS TO THE US IN
CATEGORY 211 IN THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1974 SHALL
BE DEDUCTED FROM THE GROUP 1 LEVEL OF THE BILATERAL COTTON
TEXTILE AGREEMENT END QUOTE.

3. REGARDING CATEGORY 39, USG AGREES TO ADDITIONAL 75,000
DOZEN PAIR GLOVES IN CURRENT QUOTA YEAR BUT SUCH, OF COURSE,
MUST BE WITHIN GROUP AND AGGREGATE. FOR NEXT AGREEMENT YEAR,
USG ABLE AGREE CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 600,000 DOZEN PAIR.
IF IT DEVELOPS THAT HIGHER LEVEL NEEDED USG WILL SYMPATHETI-
CALLY CONSIDER FURTHER INCREASED LEVEL. WHILE HKG HAS
SUGGESTED 750,000 DOZEN PAIR AND WHILE THERE IS NO PROBLEM
REGARDING QUOTE THROWAWAYS END QUOTE (US DOES NOT MAKE
THESE), THERE IS SENSITIVITY REGARDING NON-THROWAWAYS.

4. PHELAN AND POLANSKY REQUESTED INFORM CONGEN HONG KONG
OF ETA TO PERMIT CONGEN SCHEDULE PHELAN AND POLANSKY MEET-
ING WITH DORWARD. IN MEANTIME, CONGEN REQUESTED CONVEY
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ABOVE PARAGRAPHS TO DORWARD FOR HIS CONSIDERATION PRIOR
TO MEETING. RUSH

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